

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on February 5, 2003 at 3:10 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Michael Lange (R)  
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Brad Newman (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

**Video-taped Committee:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 388, 1/22/2003; HB 401,  
1/27/2003

Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HB 388**

**Sponsor:**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

1:00 REP. BOB LAKE, HD 60 -- Title of Bill: Allow withdrawal  
from irrigation district assessments.

**EXHIBIT (nah25a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:00 Thomas Brader, CCID

19:00 Steve Hinton, CCID

26:00 Ken Sinness, CCID

**EXHIBIT (nah25a02)**

**EXHIBIT (nah25a03)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

32:00 Richard Buley, MID

47:00 Ren Cleveland, Canyon CID District

**EXHIBIT (nah25a04)**

**EXHIBIT (nah25a05)**

**Informational Testimony:**

54:00 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

59:00 Jon Metropoulos, Flathead Joint Board of Control

1:06:00 Tracey Turek

1:09:00 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

1:12:00

**Closing by Sponsor:**

1:28:00

4:39 p.m. Break

4:47 p.m. Resume

**HEARING ON HB 401**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

1:37:00 REP. CARNEY, HD 82 -- Title of Bill: Deposit on all  
aluminum cans, beer bottles, and pop bottles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

1:54:00 Matthew Elaesser, SAVE  
2:00:00 Julie Yates, SAVE  
2:01:00 Matthew Leon, Mont-PIRG  
2:05:00 Jason DeShaw, SAVE  
2:07:00 Cali Domek, SAVE  
2:08:00 Leslie McClain, SAVE  
2:09:00 Kate Beyer

**Opponents' Testimony:**

2:10:00 Elaine Sliter, Montana Soft Drink Association  
2:12:00 Bill Stevens, Montana Food Distributors Association

**EXHIBIT (nah25a06)**

2:14:00 Joe Calnan

**EXHIBIT (nah25a07)**

2:20:00 Robin Jackson, Heritage Food Store

**EXHIBIT (nah25a08)**

2:24:00 Dan Cruson, Safeway

2:33:00 Peggy Likens, Recycle Montana!

**EXHIBIT (nah25a09)**

2:27:00 Carl Lehrkind III

**EXHIBIT (nah25a10)**

2:30:00 Bob Gilbert, Montana Petroleum Marketers, Montana  
Convenience Stores

2:34:00 Kevin Divine, Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers  
Association

2:36:00 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

2:36:00 Bret Ewer, Pacific Steel and Recycling

2:39:00 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent  
Businesses

2:39:00 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

2:40:00 Nicole Prokop, Holcim, Recycle Montana!

2:42:00 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

2:52:00 Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

2:53:00 Mark Taylor, Anheuser-Busch

**EXHIBIT (nah25a11)**

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

2:54:00

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:07 P.M.

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REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nah25aad)**